

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hiroyuki FUSE

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated December 23, 2004, applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Applicant requests a three month extension of time to make this submission timely filed. The appropriate fee is enclosed.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.**

**Please amend the application as follows:**